

FULL PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes at San Diego is due to expire on January 2, 2008. The United States District Court for the Southern District of California is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to new eight year terms.

The duties of a magistrate judge include the following: (1) to conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) to preside over trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) to conduct discovery and settlement matters in civil cases, (4) to preside over trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants, and (5) to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the district court in accordance with applicable laws.

Comments from members of the bar and public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court. Comments should be directed to Justice Howard B. Wiener (Ret.), 501 W. Broadway, 19th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101. Comments must be received by June 1, 2007.